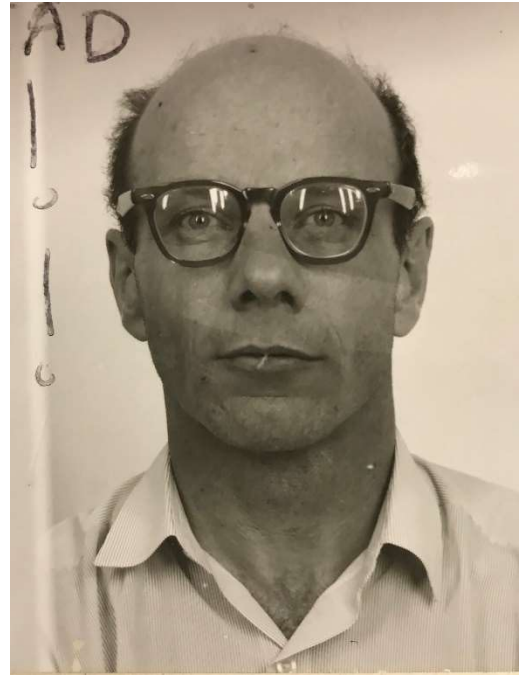


Murder of Gordon Gunn, Fort Garry, 1967

At 3:25 am, Wednesday, June 21st, 1967, 44-year old Gordon Gunn, the Night Manager at the Montcalm Motor Hotel (now the Moco Condominium complex) 2880 Pembina Highway, was found dead by hotel patrons.

Mr. Gunn had been stabbed twice in the back with a set of knives that had been taken from the hotel's kitchen area. At the time of his death, it appeared that Mr. Gunn had been counting the day's cash receipts.

A total of \$259.61 was missing from the hotel and while the robbery was the most likely motive, Mr. Gunn had complained about getting threatening phone calls at work before his death. Mr. Gunn did not normally work the night shift; however, he had switched his shift to accommodate the night clerk who was away on holidays.



Mr. Gunn was last seen alive at 1:50 am when the evening shift bartender returned to the hotel to retrieve something he had forgotten. When the bartender arrived, he found the doors to the hotel were locked and Mr. Gunn had to let him in. At this time the bartender noticed that there was a single male "customer" still in the hotel lobby who appeared to be looking at postcards.

Although Mr. Gunn did not give any indication that he was afraid or worried about the customer, as there had been a previous robbery (safe job) at the hotel, the bartender's suspicions were aroused and he took a good look at this male before leaving.



As this "customer" has never been identified, it is believed that he was in fact the killer. According to the bartender, this male was described (in 1967) as being in his early 20's, 140-150 lbs, slim build, brownish hair, fair complexion, rough skin (possibly with freckles) and wearing horned rimmed glasses. Although robbery appears to be the possible motive, Mr. Gunn was seen in the company of a similarly described male in the past and this crime may be more personal in nature than it appears. Today, this male would be in his late 70's.

If you have any information about this case, please contact [Winnipeg Crime Stoppers](#) at 204-786-TIPS (8477). Long-distance callers dial 1-800-222-8477.

'Lots Of Leads' In Two-Knife Slaying

There are "plenty of leads" in the Gordon Gunn slaying, said Fort Garry police Inspector E. A. Garneys Thursday — but no arrests have been made.

Mr. Gunn, of 590 Broadway, suite 37, a 44-year-old night clerk at the Montcalm Motor Hotel, 2280 Pembina Highway, was stabbed to death in the hotel's cocktail lounge early Wednesday.

Police said a hotel guest found him face down in front of the bar about 3:30 a.m. two butcher knives from the kitchen in his back.

About \$260 in bills was missing from the hotel desk, restaurant, and registration desk, said police.

The inquest opened in Winnipeg General Hospital Wednesday noon, and Dr. I. O. Fryer, provincial coroner, said death was from shock and hemorrhaging and was nearly instantaneous.

One eight-inch knife entered the back high up between the shoulder blades and was stabbed down, piercing the heart.

A 10-inch knife protruded from the back about 10 inches lower, and slightly to the right.

Dr. F. L. Jamieson, Fort Garry coroner, said an inquest will be held in July.

Mr. Gunn, normally a day clerk at the hotel, replaced Edwin S. Rigg, the regular night clerk who left on vacation Monday.

Neighbors said Mr. Gunn was a quiet man, who moved into his apartment early last December.



GORDON GUNN

Victim Changed Shifts

Edwin S. Rigg, the regular night clerk at the Montcalm Motor Hotel, left work Monday and headed for the lake to begin three weeks' vacation.

The hotel's day clerk, Gordon Gunn, stepped in to cover for Mr. Rigg Tuesday night, and at 3:30 a.m. was found dead in the hotel's cocktail lounge with two butcher knives protruding from his back.

"My wife and I heard about it on the car radio," said Mr. Rigg in an interview Wednesday. "Do you know who it was that was killed?"

Told it was Mr. Gunn, Mr. Rigg said. "Yes I figured it would be him. He's our regular day man and was going to take over for me. I thought it would be him.

"I haven't even phoned the hotel yet. We just got back into town. Did he die right away?"

Told that Mr. Gunn had been stabbed to death and, according to Dr. I. O. Fryer, provincial coroner, had probably died "very quickly," Mr. Rigg said, "Oh my God, isn't it terrible.

"It has come as a terrible shock to both my wife and I."